## **Abstract**

The invention relates to a process for preparing a supported catalyst, in particular for the polymerization and/or copolymerization of olefins, which comprises:

- 5 preparing a hydrogel; a)
  - b) milling the hydrogel to give a finely particulate hydrogel;
  - producing a slurry based on the finely particulate hydrogel; c)
  - drying the slurry comprising the finely particulate hydrogel to give the support for d) catalysts;
- 10 producing the supported catalyst by applying at least one transition metal and/or at e) least one transition metal compound to the support for catalysts and, if appropriate, activating the applied metal and/or compound,

wherein a finely particulate hydrogel in which

- at least 5% by volume of the particles, based on the total volume of the particles, have a particle size in the range from > 0 µm to ≤ 3 µm; and/or
- at least 40% by volume of the particles, based on the total volume of the particles, have a particle size in the range from > 0 µm to ≤ 12 µm, and/or
- at least 75% by volume of the particles, based on the total volume of the particles, have a particle size in the range from > 0 µm to ≤ 35 µm,
- 20 is produced in step b) and a support which can be prepared as set forth in steps a) to d) is used to produce catalysts in step e).

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